(c) and (d) In order to improve the drainage, parking etc., a works of improvements to circulating area at a cost of Rs. 13.00 lakhs has been taken up. A separate garbage dumping ground has been provided near circulating area, as such there is no problem of garbage in the circulating area of Buxar station.

Prices of steel

†1948. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumer selling price of steel in the country decreases and increases in conformity with the prices in international market;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and average annual percentage of the steel exported out of the steel produced in the country; and

(c) the reasons for not fixing prices on the basis of production cost in this industry and fixing the selling price in accordance with the international market overlooking the demand and supply of domestic market?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The domestic market prices of steel generally move in tandem with international prices. Following deregulation of prices in 1991-92, the domestic prices of steel have become market determined. During 2004-05 and April-November, 2005 about 10% of the domestic produciton of steel has been exported.

(c) In a deregulated environment, steel prices are market determined. The Government does not intervene in the market to influence prices.

Cancellation of merger of chiria mines

1949. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.